



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves,"
Matt. 10:16.

It was to these same faithful servants He said, "Preach the gospel to every creature." The gospel—good tidings of great joy. No wonder He said, "Be wise . . . and harmless." The greatest messengers on earth, with the greatest message ever committed to mortal man.

It really means more to be sent than simply to have a desire to go. God chooses the messenger. The message is God's plan of salvation as recorded in the New Testament scriptures. If we are one of the "sent" ones, our first duty is to become personally acquainted with the Word of God; so much so that we will be able to reason out of the Scriptures, and present God's plan of redemption to a lost world in such a manner that the mouths of vain and unruly talkers and deceivers will be stopped.

Any one can look out on this sinful and ungodly world and see plenty in the non-professor, and as well in the sinning church member, that he can criticize. But it takes the love of God and a vision of this lost world for one to get right down among the down-and-outs with God's message and convince these poor wretches that God loves them, that Jesus loves them, and that you love them and want to see them saved from sin. This is some of

the service God expects, yea, demands of His SENT ONES.

Are you a messenger? Do you have a message? Are you sent?

If a messenger, what kind? Christ was God's messenger, sent to earth with the message of the covenant, who, though He be one with the Father, yet humbled Himself for our sakes, to be a messenger from His Father, to declare His will to us, to confirm the covenant of grace by His death, to reveal this salvation with His promise of the Holy Ghost to work true faith and repentance in our hearts, to the prophets or teachers whom He appoints and sends to declare His commands to the people.

If you have a message, what is it? Is it something you have prepared to tickle the ears of your hearers? Are you simply trying to appeal to the emotions of people? If your message is home-grown, self-prepared, and God has no part in preparing it, you had better tie it up in a napkin and lay it away, steal away to some secret chamber, reconsecrate and get willing to deliver God's message as will please Him.

It is not enough for us merely to deliver our testimony—though it be full of fire and zeal for God. The unsaved do not understand why you are so happy and free. Show them from God's plan of redemption that Jesus died for all and that they are included in His promises. Most unsaved people have taken up various habits that are forbidden by the Word of God. If we spend our time

criticizing and finding fault with them for same, we may win one of them occasionally but look at the vast army we are driving away while we, in our unwise method, are winning so few.

We must first convince those who are lost that we are interested in them, that we love them, and that God loves them and is only waiting for them to get willing for Him to change their lives so they will love good and hate evil. I listen to the poor pastor who has found out all the failures and shortcomings of his flock. I hear him scold, criticize and condemn. I hear him preach about how we did shout a long time ago. He says we have let the world creep in and that his flock is so backslidden there is no hope of a revival. Say, preachers, let's use some of the following texts:

Acts 20:32, "Now brethren, I commend you to God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

1 Cor. 11:2, "Now I praise ye brethren."

Col. 2:5, "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

If we will use these and similar texts for several weeks there will be no need for the text, "Ye did run well, who did hinder you?" The poor struggling, way-worn traveler needs help. Did God send you to scold and ox-goad him when he has slipped and slid down some rough, stony place and lodged in the ditch of grief and despair? He wants to come

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ALABAMA STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

The Alabama state camp meeting and convention will convene at Sumiton, Ala. July 13-24. All ministers in the state of Alabama will be asked to call off all of their local services for one week, July 18-24, so that they might be able to attend the camp meeting. We will be expecting you Monday, July 18. There will be all-day services for that week, Bible study at 8:30 in the morning. All ministers are requested to bring their Bibles. There will be instructions to ministers each morning during the week, there will also be afternoon and evening services. We are expecting this to be the greatest camp meeting that Alabama has ever had. There will be entertainment for all ministers as far as possible, but the church at Sumiton will not be able to care for all of our ministers free of charge. There will be a restaurant on the grounds where meals may be bought at a reasonable price. We will also put up two or three large gospel tents that can be used to sleep in. You may bring your bedding with you, also such toiletries as you may need. We expect to have a number of visiting ministers. We have invited Brother J. H. Walker, Brother E. W. Williams, overseer of North Carolina, Brother E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida, also Brother B. L. Hicks, former overseer of Alabama, Brother U. D. Tidwell, pastor of Kannapolis, N. C., to attend our convention. We hope to have other visitors with us also. We are asking that each musician in Alabama bring his musical instruments with him, also your quartets and trios, and let us all work and pray that the Lord will make this a heavenly feast.

All pastors, please check up on your reports and see if they are 100% for the church work this year. Have you made a report for each month in the year? Has your clerk made a report for each month in the year? Is your 5% mission quota paid up? Please do not forget our mission drive, also Evangel drive. We are depending on you to help us put this over 100%. Other states are doing it and by the help and grace of God we must not fall behind. Remember, there are some prizes to be given and someone must win. The Lord is blessing and Alabama is coming to the front. Alabama has a group of ministers that can be depended on and since the Lord has blessed us with a good year we want to work together and make this closing series of services a continuation of what we have enjoyed during

this Assembly year. We will be looking for you July 18. Each pastor will be required to bring a written report of his work and give to his district overseer, so that the district overseer will be able to make a report of his district work. I am asking each church to see that your pastor has enough finance to enable him to attend the camp meeting and convention. If his tithes are insufficient, please take an offering to help him bear the expenses.—Your brother and state overseer, H. L. Whittington.

Brother L. G. Rouse is in the state of Oklahoma and will be at the following churches on dates given below: Anadarko, July 2; Binger, July 3; Oklahoma City, July 4; Seminole, July 5; Cromwell, July 6; Murphy, July 7. All sick and afflicted who want prayer for the healing of their body, be sure and attend healing services at some of the above named places. Come with a prayerful heart. Brother Rouse will also be with us at our state convention, which convenes at Guthrie, Okla., July 14-17, inc. He also plans to be at our camp meeting at a later date.—Geo. M. Bloomingdale, state overseer of Oklahoma, Box 656, Maud, Okla.

To whom it may concern: I am open for pastoral work this coming Assembly year. I prefer work in West Virginia. I am in the evangelistic work this year. You who are interested, please get in touch with me. For reference you may see Brothers E. C. Clark, G. H. Brewster, H. L. Marcum, R. A. Fielden, C. H. Blankenship, H. C. Swanson, Jesse Lavender, Paul and Bill Ross, S. B. McCane, E. O. Sells.—Evangelist W. Haskell Compton, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

Anyone wanting an evangelist, I am now open for calls. For personal reference you may write Don Staten, Delbarton, W. Va., W. B. Webb, Pinsonfork, Ky. or T. M. McClendon, Somerset, Ky. I am now at Franklin, Ohio. My home address is Bypro, Ky.—G. F. Crank, Box 166, Franklin, Ohio.

We are in a revival at Acosta, Pa. and request special prayer for it. We are doing evangelistic work and anyone wishing our service, please write us at the address below.—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hesketh, Sr., 133 Cooper Ave., Johnstown, Pa.

All who desire the "doughnut recipe" from the Church of God W. W. B. of Vicksburg, Mo., please mail with your letter a stamped, addressed envelope.—Brother C. E. French, R. F. D. 2, Box 121, Steele, Mo.

We are having a home coming at the Church of God in Johnson City, Tenn. the third Sunday in July, the 17th. At the morning service we are planning on

raising the indebtedness on our new addition to our church, which is \$165.00. In the afternoon we will have singing. We invite all singers, quartets, etc., especially those on the district.—A. J. Swift, pastor, 400 Hamilton St., Johnson City, Tenn.

There will be home coming of the Church of God at Sugar Grove, Va. the fourth Sunday in July. Our state overseer will be with us, also our district pastor, and all churches on the Marion district are invited to be present. Come everybody, bring a well-filled basket and enjoy a day with us and the Lord.—J. J. York, pastor, Marion, Va.

To the Sunday Schools of Virginia: The state banner went to Marion during the month of June. South Richmond came second and Pulaski third in the order of Sunday School attendance. Your monthly report is appreciated, and you may continue your sincere efforts.—M. E. Porter, state S. S. superintendent, Austinville, Va.

We are having a wonderful revival conducted by our state overseer, Brother Odis Smith, and our state evangelist, M. N. McPhearson. Pray for our success.—A. J. Allen, 1624 College St., Little Rock, Ark.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE EVANGEL

This is to notify all the brothers and sisters in the Church of God and whoever it may concern that I am back in the Church of God to stay. I am very sorry that I ever came out of the Church, but this is to let you know that I ask the Church to forgive me. I'm in full fellowship in the Church of God in Greeneville, Tenn. I mean to stay in the Church of God and put in practice all its teachings and discipline. I hope this will be a benefit to someone who may be thinking about coming out. You'll never be satisfied if you ever come out of the Church of God. We thank the Lord for our state overseer, M. P. Cross. I will never forget the humble prayer he prayed for me when I was trying to rebel. He always came to my rescue when I called him. May God bless the Church of God family. If you need my service, write me as I am open for calls.—Albert Teaster, 207 Locust St., Greeneville, Tenn.

Please pray for the revival at Shorts Creek, Va. Souls are going to the altar. Pray that God will take them through. Also pray for God to heal my body so I can continue to work for Him, if it is His will. Brother L. B. Lyons is helping in the meeting and he is doing some good preaching.—R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

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Who Shall Enter the Kingdom?

By W. HASKELL COMPTON

Text, Matt. 7:21-23, "*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*"

Our subject is a very important one, on "Who shall enter the kingdom of Heaven?" According to the Bible text, we see that all who profess Christianity will not enter in, because it takes more than a profession. Many say they were converted many years ago, and no doubt many were, but because that WAS so is no reason why that conversion holds good today. I realize it can be so but is it?

We want to notice first what is God's will. Then after knowing that, please let us obey. I am sure we have only the essential part of the commandment of God. Since that be so, we MUST obey His commands IF we ever expect to be saved. There is no chance of entering the place that Jesus went to prepare for those who serve Him, except we keep His words. St. John says if we love the Lord we WILL keep His commandments. If we know to do good and do it not to us it is sin. Too many people go on what they THINK and FEEL. We have no scripture for such doctrine. Was Noah saved by feelings or think so? No, he was not. If you don't obey you will never escape the place of the wicked. Jonah thought he could get by but he could not, neither can you unless you hew the line. Too many like to walk as close to the devil's territory as possible; they often get in various conditions then they begin to say, "I don't believe this and that are sins," but when they say that it automatically says they are condemned otherwise they would never say, "I don't think this and that are wrong." They, many times, have overridden their consciences until there is nothing there to cause them to consider sin.

Those who enter the kingdom will be spotless, pure, because the Bible says the pure in heart shall see God. How can you be pure in heart and disbelieve the Bible? You may say you do believe. Well, then, why don't you practice it and live it? We won't have another chance to get saved after this life. Now is the time to prepare. Matthew says except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Are you in this

condition? If not, how can you escape?

You may say that I make it too hard to live by. Well, I am sure if I make it too hard for you, what do you think God will do? Surely He will make it much harder than I. The way is plain and simple and a fool need not err therein. We are to fear God and keep all His commandments. This is the whole duty of man. According to this, who shall enter the kingdom? The Bible says be HOLY, be perfect, and we can, as far as sin is concerned. If you don't know about this I ask you to search the Scriptures, for in them you THINK you have eternal life, and if we offend in one point we are all wrong. If it means to do some things, then it means to do the others. St. John says, "Whatsoever he saith unto you do it," speaking of Jesus. That is a command, too, and others I will quote.

John 3:11, "We speak that we know." I today do speak to you the things that I know according to the Word of God. I did not write the Bible and I cannot change it. God wants it obeyed otherwise He would not have written it as He did. Too many people are trying to dictate for the Lord. You may say you are not but your actions prove it to be so. You act as though you know best when you try to fix the Bible one way and God says it another. If God didn't want humanity to do as He has commanded, He never would have put all those good things in the Bible.

If there are some among us who won't believe the truth, I am backed up by the Bible in saying concerning those who receive not the love of the truth, 2 Thess. 2:10-12, "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they ALL might be damned who believed not the truth." Paul says, "I believe God." Do you believe Him? If so, why not take all His commands? If you don't, you will never enter the kingdom. I am positive of this. If I would send you after a certain thing and you returned without it, after I had been waiting faithfully for you, would I be pleased or not? Likewise concerning the plan of salvation. The way has been trod, it can be lived, it's not impossible. We are all human. God will not be pleased when we come up short. When you say you don't believe so and so about the Bible, when the good Word of God speaks so much in favor of it, it does not change it one bit. We MUST live as commanded, not try to bend the Word to suit our case. The Bible says preach the Word and I am sure the Bible is the Word, so don't get angry with me, I am telling you what God says.

One important thing is this, John the revelator says if we add to the Word or take away we are in a sad condition. Many are doing so, especially in these days of apostasy. The plagues will be added and our part will be taken out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in this book. Proverbs says, "Every word of God is pure." Again he says, "The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going." Not just some of the Bible but all of it is worth obeying. The Bible says man shall not live by bread alone but by EVERY word of God. Not one jot or tittle shall pass until all be fulfilled.

The Lord's Word is powerful. If we would talk about the Lord as much as we do about the president of the United States, we would get along better. God has done more than man will ever do. Why not give God the praise? His Word is still in effect. If we would lift up Christ to the world as we saints should, the world would be better. What does the world see in you that it needs to better itself? For this simple reason we need to OBEY the Bible as it is. Too many are dodging the issue. That will cause you to lose your soul too. Remember now, God's ways are not our ways, neither His thoughts our thoughts. Isa. 55:8-9. God says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." We may teach and preach, and do various other things, but remember the Holy Writ is just the same as ever. We may change, God is still the same.

We must strive to enter heaven. Yes, we are commanded to do this, also to press our way in. You may say you have the right spirit. Yes, I see where John says try the spirits to see whether they are of God or not. John leaves room there for us to believe that some think they are all right when they are not, just merely going on *thoughts and feelings*. Rom. 2:1 says, "Thou art inexcusable, O man." 2 Pet. 3:13-17 speaks of holiness religion. Yes, we look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, also that we be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless. Eph. 5:27 speaks about us not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that we should be holy and without blemish.

WHO SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM? It takes holiness to get there regardless of what I say. 2 Pet. 3:16 speaks about some, how they WREST the Scriptures unto their own destruction. Folks, it's holiness or hell. We are surely commanded to let the mind of Christ be in us, also to walk in Jesus' steps. Jesus was sinless.

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EDITORIALS

Dedication, Berryton, Ga. Church

The Editor had the pleasure of dedicating the new church at Berryton, Ga. on Sunday, June 19. The saints at Berryton, for years, have struggled to build them a church where it would be convenient, and now God has blessed them with a nice church right in town. It will seat approximately four hundred people comfortably. They have a nice classroom in the basement. This is one of the best constructed buildings of its size and kind that I have had the pleasure of seeing. Dear Brother D. T. Toler gained the favor of the business men in Berryton and with the co-operation of the saints, it was made possible for them to build this church. May God ever bless and give them victory and power at this place around which cluster so many precious memories for the saints of God. We met many old friends from Alabama and different places in Georgia. It was indeed a real reunion.

"Around the World With the Gospel Light"

Brother Ingram's book is off the press and will soon be ready to mail. It is now in the bindery. Just as soon as it is returned to the House we will fill all orders on hand. All those who have written me about the agency for this book, or made any inquiries concerning it, may now turn in your orders to the Publishing House. The book will retail for \$2.00 and we will give agents 20%. Please order at once.

The New Birth

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God:

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for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." John 3:8.

Before Jesus came into the world there was a Spirit work among the people of God that gave them a clean heart. David prayed, "Create within me a clean heart, and renew within me a right spirit." The prophets and sages were truly led of God and did many wonderful miracles. But this is the first time we have a direct reference to a new birth in the Scriptures. Even Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, one who knew the law and kept it, seemed to be a stranger to this blessing. The necessity of the new birth grows out of the incapacity of the natural man to see or enter into the kingdom of God. However gifted or refined the natural man is absolutely blind to spiritual truth. He can neither obey, understand, nor please God without becoming a new creature. Christ died for us and made it possible for all who will accept Him to be born again. Of course He had power to forgive sins before He was crucified. John 5: 20-25; Matt. 9:2-8. In many instances Jesus said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," which proves beyond a doubt that He had power to forgive sins before He was crucified. Since He was crucified and arose we have to depend on the blood from Calvary's cross to blot out our sins. He sent His disciples out and

gave them power to cast out devils and heal the sick. Luke 9:1-6. So it is through the shed blood on Calvary that we can have our sins forgiven and become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures," 1 Cor. 15:1-4.

It is true that Christ shed His own blood upon the cruel cross to provide redemption for the lost sinner. This is one of the most wonderful truths ever revealed to man. To be born again is one of the most wonderful things that can take place. It is the beginning of the Christian experience. This message has had the greatest influence over the human family of any message ever preached. The blood of the cross has had greater power and influence over men than any other message. When you take this out of the gospel, you have taken the heart out of it. Destruction and failure will follow any preacher who attempts to try to prove that the blood has no transforming power. The blessing of sanctification is a wonderful blessing, and of course that comes through the shed blood of Jesus, but first we must be saved or born again or changed into that glorious state that makes us a new creature in Christ Jesus. Jesus was the only begotten Son of God and He has power to give life and to ransom those who believe in Him. It was on Calvary's cross that He made the new birth possible. We love that good old song, "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." So we will say to our readers, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. The soul's challenge still stands and every one who puts this to a test will find it true. "If we repent of our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins," and the next clause of the verse, "and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This is where sanctification comes in. We will have something to say about that in next issue.

Serious Accident

Early on the morning of June 13, Sister Alda B. Harrison, Editor of the Lighted Pathway, fell in her kitchen and broke her hip. She is now confined to her bed, however, this will not delay the Lighted Pathway in any way and she asks that those working for the paper continue to do their best for it. We request special prayer for her.

The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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Essentials to Soul-Winning

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," Jas. 5:16.

"Nothing is more essential to the soul-winner than prayer. Prayer will generate a spiritual atmosphere in the individual life. The prayers of many will generate a spiritual atmosphere in a community." In answer to prayer, the Holy Ghost will do His office work and produce such pungent conviction of sin that men will cry out, as on the day of Pentecost, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

In the life of Chas. G. Finney it is related that during a revival at Rome, N. Y., the air seemed surcharged with divine power. A sheriff who had laughed about the meetings, came over from Utica. He felt this strange influence when he crossed the old canal a mile west of town. When he sat in the hotel dining room, he had to get up and go to the window two or three times to divert his attention and keep from weeping. After dinner he hurried away, but was afterwards converted.

When we think of the great revivals witnessed by the early Church, let us remember that it was said of them, "They continued steadfastly in prayer." This was the secret of their great victories. The God who answered our forefathers still lives and awaits the bidding of His people in prayer.

Second, faith. It is not the mystery of faith, nor the science of faith, but it is the simplicity and childlikeness of faith that the soul-winner needs to study. To believe God implicitly is to have victorious faith. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," said Paul; and everywhere in the Bible we find the clear teaching that "God and one make a majority." To realize this is to live the victorious life.

Of Barnabus it was said, "He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." The fullness of faith will make unbelief and moral darkness impossible in the soul, and will generate a triumphant confidence in God.

To have faith is to have power, and one as well as another may possess this power and exercise it in winning souls for Jesus. Faith will give courage for personal work. It will give confidence as we approach the unsaved and seek to win them for the Lord. May we prove this blessed promise, "All things are possible to him that believeth."

Third, God's Word. A working knowledge of the Word of God is essential to success in soul-winning. God's Word is "The Sword of the Spirit," the hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces. If we are not skilled in the use of God's Word we cannot expect that God will use us.

A great soul-winner has wisely said, "There can be no fullness of life and service if the Bible is neglected. In much that is now written on power, also in much that is said in conventions, this fact is overlooked. The work of the Holy Spirit is magnified, but the instrument through which the Holy Spirit works is largely forgotten. The result is transient enthusiasm and activity, but no steady continuance and increase in power and usefulness. We cannot obtain power and we cannot maintain power in our own lives and in our work for others, unless there is a deep and frequent meditation upon the Word of God. Of course it is much easier and therefore much more agreeable to our spiritual laziness to go to a convention or revival meeting and claim a "filling with the Holy Spirit" than it is to peg along day after day, month after month, year after year, digging into the Word of God. But a "filling of the Spirit" that is not maintained by a persistent study of the Word will soon vanish. Evidently Paul knew of no filling with the Spirit apart from a deep and constant meditation upon the Word of God. Those who would be efficient soul-winners must see the importance of these things that are essential, and then apply themselves earnestly, deeply and constantly to their heaven-given ministry, and God will bless and crown their efforts with success.

The progress of the Church on earth depends on the attitude of men and women to Jesus Christ Himself. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."—Jesus.

The Church must not only be able to sympathize with men and women whose lives are wrecked in sin but she must be able to bring them the all-sufficient remedy. "Such as I have give I thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk," was Peter's words to the man so wonderfully saved and healed.

"Home and foreign missions are alternate beats of the same heart."

Prayer

Always.

"Men ought always to pray."—Jesus. Luke 18:1.

Prayer in every thing.

"In everything by prayer and supplication," Phil. 4:6.

In faith.

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive, and ye shall have them."—Jesus.

In obedience to God's Word.

"Whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight," 1 John 3:22.

According to God's will.

"If we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us." 1 John 5:14.

We must pray with whole-hearted earnestness.

"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search me with all your heart," Jer. 29:13.

Faith

Faith always brings results.

Faith is at normal in the midst of life's duties and trials.

Physical disease and spiritual disease have the same origin. Faith is the antidote for both.

Faith is a heart condition, not an outward display. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness."

The healing which Jesus gives is God's answer to faith. "When Jesus saw their faith, he saith unto the man sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," Mark 2:5.

Faith spans the distance between man's need and God's supply.

REVIVAL

STARKVILLE, Miss.—We have just closed a revival here with quite a number saved and sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost and thirteen baptized. We have rented a building here and organized a Willing Workers Band. The people surely are good to us here. Thank God, we have lots of good people looking toward the Church. Please pray that God will help us to do the right thing at the right time. We feel there is a sweeping victory for the Church of God here.

We have entered a revival at Columbus, Miss., with our dear Brother Welch who has built a new church house there. This is a new field, the devil is fighting and we are winning. Please pray that God will bless us and give us a church here. Pray for good Brother Welch who is putting his life in this work. We feel grateful also for our good state overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin. Pray for your humble servant. —J. D. Taylor.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

Our Trip to Barbados

BY J. H. INGRAM

There being no steamship service available at the time, we left Port au Prince, Haiti, by plane for St. John's, Antigua in the British West Indies. It was a pretty sight flying over the Dominican Republic at a height of 9,800 feet, with mountains and plains spread out before us with an occasional lake that appeared as blue as indigo looking down from the sky. We made the trip to San Juan, Porto Rico, in one of the twenty-eight-passenger, four-motored "Flying Clipper Ships," making a call at San Pedro, Santo Domingo en route. We spent the night in San Juan, Porto Rico, where we changed planes taking one of the two-motored "Baby Clippers" carrying fourteen passengers and capable of making 210 miles an hour. A stop was made in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, after which we continued to Antigua, flying at a height of 10,500 feet in order to get above the storm clouds and avoid the tropical rains that were beginning to fall in that region. From St. John we took a ship for Barbados, going via Montserrat, Dominica and St. Lucia. We also passed the Islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique in the French West Indies.

We called a general representative meeting on arrival in Barbados, and later arranged for several district gatherings, and visited a number of local churches. The work in general is prospering. We have organized two more new churches, making sixteen in all.

The Church of God never lays claim to any property except where they give money directly for buildings. However, in the general meeting the first item of

business was a recommendation from the Overseer, Brother J. H. Marshall—a native incidentally and large property holder—to transfer all property over to the Church of God, the question passing unanimously. We can not hold property outright in Barbados, so a board of trustees has been appointed to hold in trust all properties. They will be joint holdings involving the rights of the home board in America, along with the local interests. The authority of appointment rests with the Church of God, giving us the main controlling interest, should some board member die or have to be removed from office for misconduct.

Leaving Barbados we doubled back over the same route by ship, calling at St. Lucia, Dominica, Montserrat, Antigua, Nevis and St. Kitts en route to Bermuda where we are having wonderful meetings. While in St. Lucia I received a call to baptize a number of people and set a church in order. This work was left to Elders Ford and Marshall who came with me as far as Dominica where we have another new church set in order. We have a call to St. Vincent—another English island—to organize some work and take over about three church buildings. I forgot to mention that there were eight or nine churches being turned over to us in Barbados. Some of them are made of stone, and one in particular is valued at \$7,500.00 (gold). I am back in Bermuda now where the work is spreading very rapidly. They, too, are working for missions, having sent several thousand dollars to China, Africa, Korea and Russia. Those who criticized me seventeen years ago when I came here to bring the light, may feel differently when they see what we missed.

presence where I could cry. I did not know anything about taking my burden to the Lord, though I called on the Lord. I did not know how but did the best I could. The day was so bitter I did not want anything to eat.

Late in the afternoon I came home as the sun was sinking low. I could not go to the house. I stopped in the woods near the house. My companion came where I was. I could hardly look her in the face. She said to my surprise, "You have a money order for five dollars and a notice for a box of oranges." Oh, thank God! how that did cheer. I can look back and see how my God was working though I was lost. God had a way to work with me to draw me to Him.

In January after that the Lord sent Sister Fannie Duncan around and she ran a revival at Long Branch. God saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire my wife and me. He was still supplying our needs. The Lord Jesus taught us to trust Him for the healing of our bodies and our entire family. We also learned to pay tithes. Jesus supplies our spiritual needs and our natural needs. We don't have to worry about our Christmas things now. We have nine children and the Lord takes care of them. If any one gets sick, Jesus supplies the healing. Praise God. I thank God for Brother Ira J. Hand, our pastor, and for Brother Rufus Griffin who plays the accordion. Pray for me that God will use me to His glory.—L. E. Hillis, Garfield, Ga.

Hungry For More of God

Dear saints, I have a hunger in my heart for more of God's love and grace. I was saved when I was fifteen years old and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord for a short time, but went back into sin and tried to forget God and His love. For almost five years I drank and tried to drown the call of God in pleasure and sin. When I was nineteen I married a girl who belonged to the Baptist church. I thought I could be happy then.

The next spring she took sick one Sunday night. It seemed that she would die before daylight. I couldn't leave her there alone to go for help, neither did help come the next day. For three nights and two days I stayed with her and in those lonesome hours of the night when it seemed the next moment would be her last, I called on God with all my heart. I promised Him I would serve Him and trust Him to the end. He heard me and healed her. Through the faithful prayers of the saints He has healed us many times since then, yet we don't have the victory we should. Please pray much for us and for our little baby who is just a month old. Pray for the work at Avera.—Wilburn Roberts, Avera, Miss.

Can't Do Without His Help

I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and for His mercy and goodness to us. The children have just had the measles and our three-week-old baby had them too. The Lord was with us through it all. I don't see how people go through this life without the Lord to help them. I couldn't do it without His help. Saints, pray for us that we will stay humble and be a blessing to lost souls.—Mrs. W. M. Carnes, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, Tex.

If you would stay in the safety zone never play with temptation or presume on God's mercy.

God Supplieth Every Need

Oh how I like to be a witness for God. He has done so much for me. I remember seven years ago I was lost and did not know anything about God's plan of salvation. On Friday, December 24, I spent the bitterest Christmas Eve I ever spent. We had four children and not anything to buy fruits or anything for cooking or toys as the children had always had for Christmas. It seemed to me I could not stand to see the day come which the children were longing to see, expecting some toys, fruits and good eats as usual. I left home and went to the river swamp about three miles from home and stayed all day out of any one's

BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

The Need of the Hour

RALPH MCBROOM,
Correspondence Student

Text: St. Luke 13:3, "Except ye repent ye shall likewise perish."

This is a very sick world. Especially is this true of the moral and spiritual condition. Like the pulse of a dying man, it becomes evident that something must be done to-day if life lingers long. Who can say that there is no need of help when it is stated that five thousand mothers and daughters are locked behind the bars in white slavery; besides the thousands who have lost their balance and fallen in the clutches of sin and shame? It is said that fifty thousand die each month and are carried to the potters' field.

Not long ago I talked to a man who had been converted from a life of gross sin. He at one time was connected with the world of crime, and he said, "The promoters of crime are fully protected by the law." The average person knows but very little of the devices of the devil. Think of the low moral condition of our own communities, of the modern connotation of sin. Things that were outrageous only a short while ago, are now winked at by the leaders of society.

Untrust reigns as an absolute despot throughout the world today. And the hearts of men are failing them because of fear. Many cry peace and safety when down in their uttermost hearts there is something that predicts trouble. One may call me pessimistic, but I deny the charge, for how can one be pessimistic when the Word tells us that when we see these things to look up for our redemption draweth nigh.

Germany is better prepared for war than when the World War began. France is just as suspicious as ever, and the Balkan states are as explosive as ever they have been. Russia has not stopped persecuting the Christians since the United States recognized her, but, according to reports, the wicked devices sponsored by hell itself are still in operation. According to recent reports by a group of peasants who were working near the Russian border, on the Sabbath day, when the church bell rang for the services to begin across the border from Russia, these peasants dared to bow in reverence. The machine guns were soon in motion and there before the eyes of their companions one hundred were killed and their bodies were thrown in the river. I cannot understand why so many of our leaders and writers praise such a wicked govern-

ment as Russia. She has been making great threats against not only Japan but every nation, especially the so-called Christian nations of the world. It is learned that her plants are running night and day, making guns, ammunition, etc.

Certainly England is not asleep, neither is the United States ignorant of the untrust and unrest everywhere. Great plans are under way for protection. Over one hundred warships and one hundred and twenty-four airships are to be built, and I noticed in the paper the other day where one of these giant submarines was launched. Our army is to be second to none in the world. Within a few years, and probably months, great changes will be under way. In fact, this is a transitional period. Who knows what is near at hand and the persecution that awaits us, unless someone can find a balm, and a remedy for this condition?

THE CAUSE

There is a cause for every effect, and there is a cause for this condition. The world has forgotten God, consequently His vengeance is near, even at the door. I do know that our country has forgotten God and for the true worship of Jehovah we have substituted a form, a ritual. I am aware that thousands have not bowed their knees to Baal, and this is the army of true believers. It is the mass that I refer to who have rejected holiness, Pentecost, along with all His divine miracles, and have found themselves God-forsaken and lost. On the heels of this rejection came the divorce menace. Then like a torrent came the world of crime and bloodshed. Friends, our family altars are broken down. The home is no more than a place to stay for the majority. This accounts for the prevailing conditions.

THE REMEDY

What will cure? Is there not a remedy? One may say that we need a change in the administration. That may be true, but this problem is beyond human wisdom and power to regulate. Others wish to bring about a general reformation by education and legislation. That would be fine if it were possible, but we have fine examples of both education and legislation. Our standard of education is higher than ever before, but the crime goes on. Notice that so many of those connected with crimes are college boys and girls. The world is filled with educated devils who are bringing terror to the country. Thousands of good laws have been made and all good laws should stay on the statute books, but in spite of all such laws the crime wave goes on and on. There is a remedy, "There is a balm in Gilead." When the balm tree is bruised, out comes the balm. Also we

may receive the balm of righteousness through the bruised Christ. This balm will dispel the throbs of the troubled heart, the blackness of sin-riven souls; it will change the war clouds and cause them to be peaceful, and give perfect harmony. This Christ will make every life in the world a ray of sunshine. There has never been a time when a revival of old-time religion was needed more than today.

In conclusion let me bring this illustration: There is a fish called the "angel" fish. It is very ugly and vicious, being allied to the shark. You would expect a different name for such a character. The name does not make it angelic in nature. We may put on angelic looks when we have a sharky heart.

He Heals and Keeps Me

TYRONZA, Ark.—I praise God for the wonderful way He heals and keeps His people. He has healed many times in our home. Last September I scratched my leg which caused a bad sore. It got so bad we thought it was a cancer. We prayed and requested prayer for it but it just kept getting worse. There were times that I could not walk, the pain was so bad. My leg and feet would swell until I could not wear a shoe.

About the last of January I wrote and requested Brother Waldron Asher of Essie, Ky. to pray for me. About a week after I wrote him I became worse. It looked like my leg might burst and my whole body was swollen, but when it seemed I could bear it no longer, the dear Lord touched my body in a wonderful way. The swelling all left my body. Praise His name. My leg began to heal. I can now do all my work and can wear my shoe. We are giving God all the praise. Pray for me.—Mrs. W. C. Garner.

State Conventions

June 30-July 10 — North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, Montana and Saskatchewan, Canada—Minot, N. Dak.

July 1-3—Tennessee, Knoxville.

July 7-10—New Mexico.

July 7-10—Maryland.

July 14-17 (inclusive) — Western Canada.

July 14-17—Oklahoma.

July 14-17—Georgia.

July 21-24—Kansas.

July 21-24—Alabama.

July 28-31—Texas.

July 28-31—Kentucky.

August 4-7—Pennsylvania.

August 4-7—Louisiana.

August 11-14—Maine.



Looking to the Lord for Healing

Dear saints, how I thank God this morning because He saw fit to save and sanctify one so unworthy as I. Surely I believe in the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Please pray that I may soon receive Him.

I am glad because I am a member of the great Church of God. Oh, how it makes my heart rejoice to read in the Evangel of the good revivals and the new fields opening up to the Church of God. It is enough to make us rejoice, knowing that God is with us, and who can be against us. I believe in divine healing too and I am fully trusting God for healing.

I have been crippled with T. B. of the bone and walking on crutches for over fifteen years, ever since I was ten years old. I stayed in the hospital seventeen months and was operated on twice but it did no good. The saints prayed for me about two years ago. Since then I have used just one crutch as a cane and can get about as good or better than I could before with two crutches. The crippled limb is four and one-half inches shorter than the other one. Many times I have dreamed of walking completely well, and just the other night I dreamed that the saints prayed for me and I was healed instantly with the power of God all over me.

Dear saints, please pray that if it is God's will He will look down upon me with healing and I may be made completely whole. I have been suffering all this week with an awful soreness in my throat, neck and head. It seems like every leader in my neck and head is sore and swollen. My head doesn't hurt but has a dumb feeling. At first I had high fever and was very weak but the fever has gone and I am stronger. Dear saints, please take this to heart and ask God to heal if it pleases Him. I have many requests for prayer but most of all pray for the unsaved, especially in this home. Pray that God will get hold of their hearts and save their souls at any cost before it is too late. Father, mother, brothers and sister need God in their lives and need to go to church. Pray for me that I'll stay humble and do God's will at all times and be a blessing to others. May God bless you is my prayer.—Essie Boothe, Roanoke, Va., Rt. 3, Box 371.

I am still feeling good in my soul. I have been in this way three years. Praise His wonderful name, I am so glad that He said, "Come unto me all that

labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." I am so glad that He filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost that makes me love everybody and stay unspotted from the world. When I began to seek God I waited patiently on the Lord and He put new songs in my mouth, brought me out of sin and placed me in this way. Glory to God! We have a revival started at Archibald, La. Saints, pray that the power of the Lord will fall and souls will be saved. Also pray that my family will be saved before it is too late. I was healed in February. Oh, it is so wonderful what the Lord will do if you will only let Him have His way. Bless His holy name! Pray that I will ever be true.—Mrs. Mary Traxler, Rt. 1, Box 423, Rayville, La.

LOMA, Mont.—Dear saints, how I do enjoy reading your little Church of God Evangel. It is so spiritual. Surely anyone loving God would love to read this paper.

Now I had never heard of the Church of God until about three years ago this summer when Sister Tiedman came out here from North Dakota and held services for two weeks and explained the teachings of the Church of God. I had belonged to the Methodist church for many years but now I can truly say I believe one hundred per cent in the Church of God, for I have traced its teachings in the Bible and find they comply with the Bible the closest of any church I have ever known.

I have always believed in the holiness way but there is no Church of God closer than sixty-five miles, so, of course, I never get to go, but I am praying faithfully for God to help us get one started close enough so I can attend and belong to the Church. There are such good sermons in this little Evangel. It just lifts the very soul.

I have been saved and sanctified but have not been baptized with the Holy Ghost, so will you saints please pray that I will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost?—Mrs. Mollie Britton.

I praise the Lord for what He means to me. One morning before day I woke up with an awful pain in my stomach. It seemed like I couldn't live. My daughter said, "Mamma, let me go and get someone to pray for you," but I didn't want to wake up anyone at that time. I told her to go and get me the Evangel. I laid it on me in Jesus' name and He came to my rescue. I want to always be faithful and ready to meet Him when He comes or calls for me. I desire the prayers of all the saints.—Mrs. W. T. Green, 125 Bullard Ave., Lake Wales, Fla.

Fasting and praying brought results last year. In August our baby's eye got sore and stayed sore until January.

We did not use any remedies; people would tell us to take her to a doctor, but we held on to God and began to fast and the victory was won. It is completely healed, praise God.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cleveland, Damascus, Ga.

By using an anointed handkerchief from Brother E. F. Ward on January 8, 1938, I was healed. I was saved thirteen years ago and I belong to the Church of God.—Mary Jean Frison, R. F. D. 1, Millen Ga.

I was saved fifteen years ago and belong to the Church of God. I praise God for healing me of cancer. Brother E. F. Ward prayed for me. I desire the prayers of the saints.—Sister Moushers Tillers, Millen, Ga.

I praise God for wonderful salvation. I have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost six years. I am fully trusting God. I was so disabled I could not walk, but I got Brother E. F. Ward to pray for me and I was completely healed. Thank God for the power to heal. I belong to the great Church of God.—Mary Harris, Millen, Ga.

My boy got his leg hurt. A place rose on it about the size of an egg and it grew worse each day. We would pray for him and he would get better. One night he was suffering so it seemed I couldn't bear it. While I was praying a hand appeared twice in front of me. It came to me that the Lord was protecting us, then I gained more faith and about the twelfth day it burst and he was healed, got up and began to sing, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Saints, hold on and Jesus will answer prayer.—Leona Tharp, Shaw, Miss.

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Praise God for His exceeding great and precious promises and His unailing faithfulness to keep them if we but meet conditions. The writer was very sick a few nights ago, no one was near to pray so God whispered to apply the Evangel. This done, I promised God if He would heal me I would testify to it and He did so gloriously. I was in bed most all of Wednesday and Thursday, so sick. Friday and Saturday I felt like a new creature. I praise God for the Evangel, it thrills my heart just to see one, it stands right next to my Bible with me. Of course that comes first of all. May it go on its way encouraging and helping. Praise God for victory in my soul. I'm saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost abides. Please pray for my unsaved loved ones and for me that I may live a convincing testimony to them.—Mary D. Rouse Howard, Rt. 1, c/o E. L. Adkinson, Haphzibah, Ga.

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LaFRANCE, S. C.—We really praise the Lord for the revival that just closed here at LaFrance. We have a small number of saints here, but praise God for the manifestations through His wonderful power. There was one saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and one added to the church. Brother J. E. Ledford did the preaching. We praise God for him and his dear family who sang so sweetly. They were a great blessing the few weeks they were with us. We had feet washing and the Lord's Supper Sunday night. The Lord wonderfully blessed in this service. Saints were greatly encouraged.

We praise God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. P. Harris. They are doing a good work here. Please pray for us, and pray that we will get a church building in the near future.—Clara Simpson.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—I praise God for all He is to me and the way He is blessing in our church here in Middlesboro. We just closed a good revival. Fifty were saved, several sanctified, several filled with the Holy Ghost, I don't know just how many we were so crowded. Brother Edd Cox of Twila was in charge. He surely put out the truth straight. Brother Cox is a fine evangelist. Well glory, I can feel the good presence of God as I write. We want everybody to pray for us here. We have some as fine people here as you will find anywhere. They are loyal to the Church. We are up on all our church program this year. Praise the Lord. We are working hard to put the thing over, so pray for us.—Sam Holcomb, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 60.

WALTERSVILLE, Ky.—A good revival has just recently closed here at the Church of God at Clay City, Ky., conducted by Brother George W. Ayers. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and there were fine results. Five were saved, four sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church and three baptized in water. Some were reclaimed and many souls revived. Brother Ayers also organized a fine Sunday School and Y. P. E. which are progressing nicely.—Sister Cynthia Larison.

WHITESBURG, Ky.—Brother Dave Shepherd has just closed a revival here. Sister Shepherd and their little daughter also attended the revival. We had wonderful music and singing and there was a large crowd every night. One was

saved, sanctified and added to the church but much good was done. There are several Pentecostal people looking towards the Church. This is a hard place. Everyone is fighting the Church. Please pray for us.—The pastor, Bee Day.

EUDORA, Ark.—We praise God for the few nights' meeting which has come and gone, but not forgotten. Brother W. I. Burford did the preaching. We believe there were good seed sown which will be reaped later. We were glad to have Brother and Sister Burford with us and hope they will come again soon. The Holy Ghost witnessed in a wonderful way almost every service, causing many to look this way. There were also a few cases of healing marvelously wrought during this meeting, for which we thank God.

Dear children of God, as you read this pray for us, for you don't know what we are up against. The enemy is raging but we are not the least bit discouraged because we remember this precious scripture, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" The last service, but not the least by any means, was really enjoyed by all. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. Oh, how the Lord blessed us as we went into and through this sacred service. Pray that God will save souls here at this place.—George Cain, clerk, Rt. 2, Box 226.

VICCO, Ky.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here with Brother Fred Strunk of Christopher in charge. Twenty-four were saved, sixteen sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, six reclaimed, fourteen baptized in water and eight added to the church. At the close of the revival we had all-day service with dinner on the ground. We had communion service that night. The Lord wonderfully blessed throughout the entire service.

I am glad that over eighteen years ago I found Jesus. Although we are in the mountains of Kentucky, Jesus is still with us and is blessing the work in this part. Our L. W. W. B. has been doing some good work this year. Hello, Tennessee and Alabama, come up and visit us in the mountains sometimes.—Mrs. Mary Basham.

CEDARTOWN, Ga.—We are so glad to read of so many good revivals over the country and are delighted to report victory for Cedartown. God's great blessings of approval are indeed with the church here. Brother C. H. Scott, one of our home preachers, together with the local help, conducted a two weeks' revival in which about twelve were saved, about nine sancti-

fied, five filled with Holy Ghost, six added to the church and ten baptized. God has wonderfully blessed the efforts of Sister Lucy Obor and Sister Swett in building up a thriving Y. P. E., also a Junior Y. P. E. Both are making remarkable progress and are helping build both church and Sunday School. Brother Scott has also directed the reorganization of a Willing Workers Band which is much needed here. We are hoping to raise funds for a new church building.

We covet an interest in your prayers that God will crown our efforts with success. Brother C. H. Prince is our part-time pastor and we surely appreciate his labor here.—Mrs. J. W. McWhorter.

RUBY, S. C.—We started a revival the 15th of April with Sister Sarah Cason doing the preaching. She is a well-known evangelist from Laurel Hill, N. C., and is loved by all. We hope to get her back sometime. There were six saved, ten sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. Pray for us.—Colie Edwards, pastor.

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—Brother Smith has just been down and encouraged us very much. Four members were added to the Church of God. We are glad the Lord is blessing us. We are looking forward for better times. We have just closed a four weeks' meeting. Several backsliders were reclaimed. We had good healing services. Everybody pray much for our church at Pine Bluff, Ark.—Fred Payten, clerk, Rt. 6, Box 123.

IRON CITY, Ga.—We thank God in a great way for a four weeks' revival which just closed. The enemy put up a great fight but the power of the Holy Ghost was never stronger, the unity and oneness has never been felt as in this revival. There were seven saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. We feel sure there were seed sown that will spring up later. Brother Falk Ogden of Augusta, Ga. was in charge. He surely is a God-sent man with humility and a burden for lost souls. Our prayers go with him on the battlefield. We feel sure the results of this revival will be reaped when Jesus comes. Pray for us.—Mrs. S. M. Miller, clerk of Unity church.

POUNDING MILL, Va.—Praise God for the good two weeks' meeting we had at Pounding Mill. There were four saved, three sanctified and four baptized in water. We took the Lord's Supper Sunday night, May 29, and the Lord surely blessed. Pray that Brother J. L. Dorman will be sent back to this state next year.—Brother E. S. W. Elswick, pastor of Pounding Mill church, R. F. D. 1, Cedar Bluff, Va.

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District Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.

The second district convention was held in the city of "Brotherly Love," Philadelphia, Pa. We thank our God for the great success of this convention. Truly God was with us in a wonderful way. When we first mentioned holding it, the devil tried to discourage our people, but I am glad to say that someone stole away in a secret closet to pray. Praise God, He surely answered prayer. We went to see a Methodist Episcopal preacher, who was the pastor at the church that we were trying to occupy for this occasion. When a few of our brothers and our district overseer, Brother Martin, went to inquire we saw God in it and He seemed to set His approval upon it.

The ministers of this district were very faithful and all seemed to put their shoulder to the wheel. The young people of the district did fine. We thank God for their co-operation. We were glad to meet our state overseer, Brother Staats, and Brother Lykens, the Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent of the state. We also were favored with a visit from our good brother from Crisfield, Md., Brother Robert Seyda and his wife and young people. Brother Seyda's message was a real soul-stirring message.

We also thank and praise our leader, Sister Amy Hanley, for her good stewardship and her coworkers who worked faithfully with her until the end of the convention. We thank God for the pastor of the St. Johns M. E. church that opened his home to feed the delegates from various churches.

We praise the Lord for the good spirit of giving. I believe the people gave until it hurt. Sister Thompson of Chester, Pa. gave a message on the Orphanage and an offering for same was taken amounting to \$16.00. Praise the Lord. The Lord was with us in all of the offerings that were taken and all the expenses were met.

To all who can and will, come to the new work in Millville, N. J. Our leader, Sister Amy Hanley, will open a work at 14 Mulberry St., Millville, N. J., on June 29. She extends to all who will come a hearty invitation. Please pray for our work at North Philadelphia.—Harry Hanley.

Dist. of Columbia and Western Maryland Convention

Our convention which convened June 2-5, in the Bavarian Hall, Balti-

more, Md., was a wonderful success, because God was honored, Jesus exalted, and His blood that blots out and eradicates sin made very sacred and effectual in its God-ordained purpose, and the Holy Ghost was not programed out, but did as Jesus said He would—take of the things of mine and show them unto you, and ye shall receive power when He comes, and be my witnesses. Thus waves of glory would sweep down upon the congregation from time to time. There was the "old-time" shouting, dancing, speaking in tongues and some interpretations, because love and unity prevailed.

The convention opened Thursday night with songs of praise to God and prayers, with a special sense of the Spirit's presence. Brother W. E. Raney, overseer, was in charge. We were addressed by Brother Fred B. Marine, pastor, with a warm word of welcome, and as the response was given by several, the Holy Ghost knit our hearts together in love with Himself, whose own sacred presence was manifested in a very real way throughout the entire convention. Brother R. P. Johnson then brought us one of his most helpful and inspiring messages.

Friday morning the room was filled with praises to God in songs, also the earnest concert prayers brought God's approval upon the services throughout the day. We were favored with duets, trios, etc., during this service. Brother Ferer, filled with the fire of the Holy Ghost and glory, aroused us with a message, which made us feel like moving out in faith and obedience to God. Remarks by Brother W. E. Raney were interspersed with the songs, sermons, etc. Brother H. W. Poteat, in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, spoke to us. It was a comprehensive message on different essential lines for us today. Brother Raney spoke on the Willing Workers Band followed by a talk by Brother Stoppe.

At the night service, after string band music and the congregational singing, there was a very high tide overflowing the banks. After a liberal offering, we were favored with special music by duets, trios, etc. Brother John D. Raynor brought a good message and a good altar service followed.

Saturday morning, after the songs, prayers and specials, during which there was a melting time in the Spirit, we had a profitable Bible study by means of questions and answers. Brother J. A. Muncy spoke to us with great fervency of the Spirit. At the night service the Y. P. E's of Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, Md. rendered instructive programs. Brother Johnson then brought us a fine message freighted with the power and unction of the Holy Ghost.

Sunday morning words of apprecia-

tion were expressed to and regarding our kitchen and dining room force, who worked so untiringly preparing two good meals a day free to the hundreds who attended. Then in exchange, some good admonitions were given by a member of the dining room and kitchen force. As the songs of Zion were sung by the congregation, duets and choruses, the power of God came down in mighty showers, demonstrations in shouting, dancing in the "old-time" way. We then had a talk by Brother Johnson and Brother Raney on the wonderful work our orphanage is doing, after which Brother Raney spoke on the great worth of the Evangel and its place, advantages and blessings. Nine new subscriptions and one renewal were taken. Brother Johnson then gave a gripping, heart-reaching talk on missions, telling of the great field, the world, that the Church of God has before her, and the consecrated workers who have and are answering the call. The foreign mission offering amounted to \$102.13.

With many exchanges of admonitions and expressions of gratitude, the convention came to a close with deep, heart-felt realization that truly God had been there in the midst of His people, in the power of the Holy Ghost. Long live the convention. — Andrew C. Brawner, clerk, 1500 N. Luzerne Ave., Baltimore, Md.

North Carolina State Conv'n.

On Thursday evening, May 26, at seven o'clock the North Carolina state convention of the Church of God convened at the Armory Auditorium, Gastonia, N. C., for its annual session, with Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, presiding. Brother Williams conducted the evening devotional and also the devotionals in each successive service. These were very inspiring and the presence of the Holy Ghost was felt from the first service throughout the convention. The local pastors, Brother B. F. Darnell and Brother Garland Grooms, together with Mr. R. Gregg Cherry, member of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Charlie Hamilton of Gastonia, opened the arms of the city, so to speak, and made every one feel at home through their warm words of welcome. Various committees were then appointed by Brother Williams and the necessary instructions given them. In the absence of Brother J. H. Walker, our greatly beloved General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, whom we highly esteem as a well-favored man of God, preached the first sermon of the convention.

On Friday morning after an inspirational devotional, Brother W. J. Pritchard spoke. Then after a few minutes of

good singing and shouting, Brother Ralph W. Tedder preached. The next speaker was Brother U. D. Tidwell. After a noon recess and devotional, Brother B. J. Hillhouse delivered a sermon. Some good spiritual singing and shouting formed a filling between the above and a sermon by Brother Glover P. Ledford. After this, Brother W. M. Stallings spoke. After a recess and several numbers in song, Brother H. T. Durden spoke. The next speaker was Brother E. L. Simmons. We were dismissed after some good musical numbers, to reassemble on Saturday morning.

This service was devoted to reports of committees and the various districts of North Carolina. The district reports were very good, encouraging and inspiring, sixty-two churches being on the honor roll. Four new churches have been organized, two new buildings have been erected, and several other buildings are in process of construction. Brother Zeno C. Tharp, chairman of the Question Committee, then answered the various questions that had been received. This part of the service was very interesting and instructive and all enjoyed it. Then again on Saturday afternoon he gave a lecture. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to business and reports that were not given in the morning. At the Saturday evening service several musical numbers were rendered by various trios and quartets after which Brother E. E. Winters, State Y. P. E. Supt., spoke on the Y. P. E. He urged the older people to encourage the young. Sister Esther Holland then spoke. After this the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," was presented by the Charlotte Y. P. E. directed by Sister Holland. This was very impressive and many were stirred to a deeper consecration and more faithful cross-bearing in the future. Just at the close of the play Brother R. P. Johnson began to speak of the cross and its meaning and God placed His approval on the service by opening the windows of heaven and giving a precious outpouring of the Holy Ghost. For half an hour we were enveloped in the mighty presence of God. Many crowded the altar crying to God for mercy and for strength. Someone said this was the climax of the convention thus far.

On Sunday morning Brother A. V. Childers, State S. S. Supt., gave a report on the Sunday School work throughout the state. Brother D. H. Delk spoke on things necessary for a successful Sunday School. After a musical number, Sister Annie M. Lindsey preached on "The Macedonian Call." This message was strong enough to make everyone want to cry out, "What wilt thou have me to do?" On Sunday afternoon Brother

Williams expressed his appreciation to the city and pastors for the loyalty and co-operation in making the convention a success. Brother Tharp took charge of the service in interest of the Bible Training School. All B. T. S. students were asked to take seats on the platform and many testified of the benefits derived from the school. Brother Tharp briefly outlined the work the school and the correspondence course offer. After this Brother A. M. Phillips spoke on the importance of the Evangel. Then several messages in song were enjoyed and Brother W. W. Harmon delivered a sermon. The concluding message was brought by Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer. The mission offering for the convention was \$659.35.

We feel that this was the greatest convention in the history of the state in many ways, and everyone left with a stronger determination to be more loyal to the cause than in the past. It was largely due to the deep spiritual insight of our dear Brother Williams that the convention was such a great success. His deep understanding caused others to get the vision of the mission of the Church in a new light.

Among those contributing musical talent were the Burnett trio, the Hicks trio, Brother Price and his musicians, Brother and Sister J. H. Waters, Ruth Baldree, Erma Reid, Sister Harmon, the Cramerton quartet, Brother Chambers, the Charlotte trio, Sister Wingate, the Jarrell trio, Brother Stone, Greenville quartet, Brother and Sister Mortenson, Brother and Sister J. L. Stephens, Sister Hillhouse, the Happy Four quartet, the Miller trio, Rutherford string band, Stover trio, Sister Williams, two Gastonia boys, Brother Phillips, Brother Bridges, Harry Hatcher, South Gastonia band, and others. The music was es-

pecially good throughout the services and we praise the dear Lord for all the good things He has done for us in the convention and in the past in every way.—Esther Holland, Harry Hatcher, Malcolm Williams, clerks.

REVIVALS

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—We have just closed another very successful revival here with Brother L. A. Atkins of Barnardsville, N. C. doing the preaching. Seventeen were saved, five sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. On the closing night we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing, which was a great blessing to all, drawing us together in love and unity. The attendance was so large our building was filled to capacity and hundreds were on the outside. Brother Atkins has been preaching the gospel for forty-five years, sometimes under very trying circumstances. We learned to love him as a father in the Lord. His messages of love and admonition went to our hearts. God bless dear Brother Atkins and give him many more fruitful years in the ministry.—Mrs. S. L. Wallace, Gen. Del.

MOUNTAIN CITY, Ga.—We thank God for the two weeks' revival which closed June 5 at the Mountain City Church of God. The Lord surely blessed. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. There were ten saved, six sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. Our pastor, Brother W. A. Goss, did the preaching. We thank the Lord for sending us Brother Goss as our pastor. Pray for us here at Mountain City that God will bless us and save lost souls, sanctify and fill them with the Holy Ghost.—Florence Pelfry, church clerk.

THE 1938 Oklahoma State Convention JULY 14-17

To be held at Guthrie, Okla., in the beautiful Mineral Wells Park, the home of the noted Hercules Springs. The entrance to the park is located on Highway 77 and is easily reached by paved highways, buses, and trains from the four directions.

Geo. M. Bloomingdale, State Overseer, in charge.

TO BE PRECEDED BY A THREE DAYS' BIBLE STUDY AND
PREACHERS' MEETING
JULY 11-14

There is plenty of free camping space, plenty of shade, rooms, apartments, and hotel accommodations are available at reasonable prices.

P. D. Hoggatt, District Overseer, in charge.

"COME THOU WITH US AND WE WILL DO THEE GOOD"



We are in a revival at Alpoca, W. Va. and the Lord is blessing. We are few in number here. We have started a building for a church and want you to pray much that the Lord will make a way for us to finish it. Please pray that God will heal my body so I can do more for Him. Brother J. H. Stout is doing the preaching for our revival. We also have an unspoken request which we want you to pray earnestly about.—Linden Lusk, clerk, Alpoca, W. Va.

Dear saints, I am feeling much better in body, for which I praise the Lord. I am not healed yet, but I am still trusting in God to heal. My throat is giving me lots of trouble. Please pray for God to give me faith enough to be completely healed. I thank those who have written to me. I would like to hear from someone who has been healed of T. B. and others who have been healed. The enemy is fighting me hard. Please continue to hold me up in prayer until God completely heals me. I have many loved ones in sin who need God, please pray for them to be saved.—Hazel Kirk, Barnabus, W. Va.

Dear saints, please pray that God will heal our daughter so that she can come home from the hospital. Pray for the church at Kansas City, Kans. that God will give us a building of our own. He has blessed us. We have established our Y. P. E. and have a good leader and a goodly number of young folks. Pray for our success.—Mrs. N. Steenburgh, 930 Osage Ave., Kansas City, Kans.

Please pray for my mother as she has been sick for some time. Also pray for me, I am a backslider.—Mrs. Ethel Hugully, Boylston, Ala.

Please pray earnestly for my husband. A team ran away and threw him out and broke five ribs and cut a place in his head. He is a sinner but believes in prayer. Please help me pray.—Mattie Jackson, Tuckerman, Ark.

Please pray for me, I have been afflicted in my body for several years. Do help me get victory over this. I also have several unspoken requests that God knows all about.—Mrs. C. G. Cross, Rt. 2, Douglasville, Ga.

Please pray for me that I will do more for my Savior. Pray for my two boys who are out in sin that they will be saved before it is too late.—Lillie Brown, Sterrett, Ala.

Dear saints, I'm a widow with six children. Almost ever since my husband died I have been in bed. I have been

to two hospitals and they could not find my trouble. I had a serious operation while at the first hospital. The doctors have given my case all the assistance they can but it seems they don't do any good. I have a head trouble, nervous breakdown, indigestion and other troubles. Please pray as soon as you read this that God will heal my body.—Mrs. W. A. Murray, R. F. D. 2, Elm City, N. C.

A thirty days' revival started June 25 at 15 E. Washington St., Charleston, W. Va. with two Church of God evangelists in charge. All near-by churches are invited to come and help in this revival. Pray that many souls will find the Lord. Pray much for us.—H. L. Patrick, Gen. Del., Charleston, W. Va.

Please remember me in your prayers as I am afflicted in body. I don't feel like doing my housework. Pray that I may be healed completely. Pray that God will heal my back, it gives me lots of trouble. Also remember my mother in prayer, she is not well. Pray that my husband will get saved, also remember my brother, he is unsaved. I have an unspoken request, please pray that it will be granted. Pray for the Clay City church that it will go over the top for Jesus.—Mrs. Anna Mae Baker, Waltersville, Ky.

Dear saints, I have something wrong with my head. I don't know what it is but the Lord knows. Please pray a special prayer for the Lord to move the defect. Also pray for my eyes. I want to trust the Lord. Pray for my loved ones to be saved. Pray for God to send someone to hold us a revival and that many souls will be saved.—Mrs. W. G. Walker, Rt. 2, Box 127, Starkville, Miss.

Dear saints, I have a soul on my heart who is bound by the enemy. Pray that God in some way will undertake by the first of July and deliver this soul from the hand of Satan. Pray for me that I will be healed, if it is God's will, and that I will do His will at all times and stand true. Pray for my children who are out in sin that God will save them before it is too late. Pray a special prayer for Sisters Lula Bell Davis and Fannie Noles to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Sophronie Frazier, 122 Jefferson St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Dear saints, I am afflicted very much in body and am nervous. I have a severe hurting in my side. Please pray that the Lord will heal my side and touch my body in general. I am trying to trust the Lord for the healing of my body. Also pray that the Lord will make a way for me so I can have my teeth pulled.—Mrs. C. R. Ford, Burrville, Tenn.

Dear saints, please pray for me, my body is afflicted and I suffer much with my shoulders. I also have a hurting in my chest and lungs and I am very weak, but I am fully trusting God. Unless He undertakes for me I will have to give up. Pray for me to get stronger and trust Him more. Pray that I will fully overcome the daily trials and tests of this life. I want to live closer to God. Pray for my unsaved children to be saved. I also have a sister who suffers much with rheumatism. Please pray for her to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost. She doesn't have the privilege of being in service with Church of God people. Pray earnestly for her to stay true.—Mrs. W. W. Roberts, Avera, Miss.

Please pray earnestly for the healing of my head. Also pray for my husband, his health is bad. Pray that we will always stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Elmer Quesonberry, Draper, Va.

Please pray for me, I have been sick in bed for the past three weeks. I have been past going but I know God has a way for His children to show the world that God is still on the throne.—K. G. Carter, 4223 Dever St., Portsmouth, Ohio.

Dear saints, please pray for my little three-year-old boy who has been afflicted with a bone infection for nearly a year. He has been walking a good while now but his leg looks very bad. It is draining in several places, is swollen and is bending out of shape. Please pray earnestly for this child that God will heal him.—Mrs. R. Y. Gregg, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray earnestly for the healing of my body. I don't know what the trouble is but God knows all about it. I also have a very special request. Please pray until your prayers go through for this. Pray that I will get closer to the Lord and obey Him.—Mae Lovin, Marion, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for a sister and brother who have lost the victory and want to get back. Please pray earnestly for these dear souls.—Sarah Johnson, Oconee, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for my brother. He is eight years of age. He is in the hospital at Louisville, Ky. and is to have an operation for T. B. of the bone. Pray much, saints, for him. Oh, how pitiful to think of him. Please pray for him that he will be home with us again.—Miss Carlie Napier, Saul, Ky.

We are in a battle against Satan here at Carlisle, Pa. Please pray for us that it will be a success.—Chas. Whitmire, 27 East St., Carlisle, Pa.



McELROY

Mrs. McElroy departed this life May 14, 1938 at the age of fifty-three years. She was a loyal member of the Church of God at Union Grove, Ga. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, J. L. Ball, and Brother Herrold and interment was made in the Salem cemetery.—One who loved her, Grayce J. Ball, Tifton, Ga.

BROWN

Travis Brown of Donna, Tex. departed this life to be with Jesus. Brother Brown was a good Christian. The funeral was conducted by Brother R. O. Woodruff and burial was made in the Donna cemetery.—One who loved him, R. O. Woodruff, former pastor.

WEAVER

Brother George Weaver, age sixty-nine years, passed away May 23, 1938 at his home in Jackson, Ky. He was converted some time ago.—Sent in by a granddaughter who loved him dearly and is expecting to meet him "In the Morning," Clela Mae Childers, Belmont, N. C.

GULLY

On June 12, 1938 the death angel visited the home of George Gully and claimed their little grandson, about one year old. The funeral was conducted by Sam Holcomb at the Gully home and burial was made in the family cemetery at Middlesboro, Ky.—Sam Holcomb.

MADDEN

On April 18, 1938 our beloved mother and wife, Rosa Ella Madden, departed this life. She was fifty-eight years old and a member of the Church of God for the past five years. Brothers A. P. Harris, Ralph Taylor and G. R. Thomas conducted the funeral services and interment was made in the LaFrance cemetery.—Her husband and children, LaFrance, S. C.

CORNS

On June 4, 1938 Mayme Corns, wife of William Corns, departed this life. She was fifty-nine years of age. Brother Arthur V. Huntley was in charge of the funeral service. Entombment Cypress View mausoleum.—Wm. Corns, 2272 Union St., San Diego, Calif.

ROUSE

Martha Virginia Lynch Rouse was born Sept. 22, 1873 in Claiborne County, Tenn. and died June 10, 1938 at Middlesboro, Ky. The funeral was conducted by Brothers B. H. Enix and Sam

Holcomb.—Sam Holcomb, Middlesboro, Ky.

MILLER

Sister Alma Miller departed this life June 5, 1938 at the age of seventy-six years and eleven days. She was a member of the Church of God at Coalmont, Ind. Brother Fred Puckett was in charge of the funeral service. Our sympathies and prayers are with her bereaved aged husband, Uncle Pete, age eighty-one years.—Mrs. Katherine Payton, Coalmont, Ind.

WORD OF THANKS

A word of thanks to all the people of Florida for assisting me financially, also for sympathy and flowers in the time of bereavement, especially Brothers J. M. Baldree and A. V. Howell. May God bless you everyone in my prayer.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. H. L. Swann, Plant City, Fla.

The Colored 14th Annual Assembly a Success

The Assembly convened May 9-15. The Bishops' Council convened three days prior to the Assembly. We met in the council room with much prayer and fasting, pouring out our hearts with request to our eternal King that He would set His great approval on the entire council and Assembly, and surely He did, for which we give God the glory and praises, for without Him we can do nothing.

The business transactions and deliberations were enacted in the fear of the Lord and the same excelled that of the past very much. This wonderfully proved a great blessing to the Assembly. The Grievance Committee reported no grievances. Wonderful, wasn't it? Such a wonderful prevailing spirit and power of God! It caused us to feel as though we were in the rapture at times, thank God.

The measures passed this Assembly were said to be the best the Church has been able to witness yet and the reports coming in from the various fields (under the present prevailing conditions) were wonderful indeed. Truly the Lord is with us and has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Our moderator and presiding bishop, J. H. Curry, was at his post of duty and the Lord is blessing him very much in the capacity as overseer of the colored work. Our General Secretary and Treasurer and Builder, in the person of Bishop C. F. Bright, is doing a great and good work and is a wonderful asset to the church. Our General Overseer, Bishop J. H. Walker was present, giving some wonderful advice, instructions and messages of holy inspiration which proved a great blessing indeed. We regret very much that Bishop Latimer wasn't for-

tunate enough to be with us this time. We always enjoy his presence. Now there are so many important features about this Assembly that we don't have space to mention here, but this will inform you that the Assembly was a success and when we consider the wonderful healing and altar services in which many souls were blessed, I believe I am voicing the sentiment of all who were present when I say that the Assembly was a success and was the best of all the rest. Brethren pray for us.—One who means to please the Lord, Willie Louis Ford, overseer of Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee, Box 214, Georgiana, Ala.

RADIO BROADCASTS

WFBC from 6:45 to 8:15 (E.S.T.), each Sunday morning. 1300 kilocycles. Earl Paulk, pastor.

Broadcast over WMFD has been changed from 3:30-4:00 p. m. to 2:30-3:00 p. m. each Sunday, E.S.T., 1370 kilocycles.—H. T. Durden, pastor.

Over WEBJ, Harrisburg, Ill., each Monday 3:00-3:45 p. m., 1210 kilocycles.—J. R. Thomas, state overseer.

Over KLCN, Blytheville, Ark., each Sunday, 4:15-4:45 p. m., C.S.T., 1290 kilocycles. Brother and Sister C. E. French in charge.

Hear The Church of God Gospel Hour, Frank Johnson, pastor of Powderly, Ala. church, in charge, over WSGN, each Sunday morning from 7:30 to 8:30.

Each week day from 5:30-6:00 a. m. over station WAPI, Birmingham, Ala., 1140 kilocycles, 5000 w. This program is sponsored by the listeners. Church of God, Pratt City, Ala. M. D. Harwood, pastor.

Charlotte, N. C. over WSOC, direct from the church, Sunday 4:30 p. m.; from the studio, Thursday, 3:45 p. m. E. L. Simmons, pastor.

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA, RADIO SERVICE

Sunday, 4:30 to 5:30 a. m.; Tuesday, 11:00 to 11:30 a. m.; Thursday, 11:00 to 11:30 a. m. Over station KGDE—H. E. Ramsey.

WFOR, Hattiesburg, Miss., each Sunday afternoon from 4:45-5:15. The Church of God, D. W. Mills, pastor.

WRGA—A. H. Batts, pastor, Rome, Ga., 1500 kilocycles, March 7, 8:00-8:30 and March 14 at 4:30-5:00 p. m., etc.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn. Each Wednesday from 7:45 to 9:00 o'clock. 1500 kilocycles.—R. C. Cook, pastor.

Church of God, Williamsburg, Pa. over WTBG, Altoona, Pa., each Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until 2:30 p. m.—C. H. Shaw in charge.

WCBD, 1080 KC, Chicago, Ill. Every Sunday morning from 1:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m. Amalia Shumaker in charge.

KFYO, Lubbock, Tex. Each Sunday morning, 7:30-8:00 a. m. Roy J. Young, district pastor.

WPTF, Raleigh, N. C., Sunday, June 5, 8:00 a. m. A. J. Butler, pastor.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. Each Sunday morning, 8:30-9:00 a. m., E.S.T., 1360 KC. P. M. White, pastor.

WJDX, Jackson, Miss. 1300 KC., 5000 watts. Blackwood Brothers Quartet, each morning at 8:30 a. m.

No one is in such a good condition for God to give to and do with what he desires, as he whose will is in full accord with the will of God.

No one who has not drunk from the bitter cup of suffering has ever sipped with his Lord; nor does he know the sweetness of God's grace.

NOTICES

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There will be a home coming for the Church of God at Williamson, W. Va., Vinson Street mission. Everybody come, you are welcome. Bring baskets and stay all day. There will be plenty of good preaching, special music and singing.—E. R. Noel, district overseer, Lenore, W. Va.

The Wayne-Mingo, W. Va. districts convention will convene at Kermit, W. Va. July 22-24. All pastors should arrange their services and discontinue their revival meetings during this convention. They are for your benefit. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring your music and help us. Neighboring districts are especially invited. Brother E. C. Clark, state overseer, will be in charge. Everybody on our district pray much during the week of July 17-22 for the success of this convention. Let's make it the best yet.—E. R. Noel, district overseer, Lenore, W. Va.

We will have a dedication service, dedicating our new grove, "Elm Grove," here at Acosta, Pa. on the Fourth of July. Everybody bring a well-filled basket. Services will begin at 9:30 a. m. Speakers will be our state overseer, R. J. Staats, H. W. Poteat, H. O. Harris, district overseer, and others. Singing and music will be a prominent feature. Everybody bring your stringed instruments. Do your best to redeem the time while others abuse the day. Let us do our best to use it for God. Don't loaf on the Fourth, come and feast.—E. O. Frazier, pastor, Acosta, Pa.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Marion, N. C. the second Sunday in July, the 10th. Among those on the program will be Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, Brother Stallings of Lenoir, our district overseer. We invite all the churches on the Lenoir district to be present. Also the near-by districts are invited to be there. Brothers McKinney, Davis, Delk, Grooms, we are looking for you. Pastors, bring your choir, quartet, trio, string band and all. Service will begin at 10:00 a. m. It will be an all-day service with dinner on the ground. Come one and all and bring well-filled baskets. We expect a high day in Zion. Pray for our success.—H. C. Peek, pastor, Marion, N. C.

There will be a home coming and all-day service at the Church of God at High Shoals, N. C., Sunday, July 10. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket and a dollar, as we are going to raise money that day to pay for our parsonage furniture. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, to be with us. We are also

going to start a revival that date, having for our evangelist Sister L. Davis of Wadesboro. Everybody come expecting good preaching, singing and a wonderful time in the Lord.—T. J. Looney, pastor, High Shoals, N. C.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Ludville, Ga. the first Sunday in August. We are planning on a high day in Zion. We are planning on good preaching and singing and a good time in the Lord.—Don O. Tatum, pastor.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Oak Ridge, Miss. the first Sunday in July. Everybody is invited, especially the preachers of the Delta. Come praying as it is the beginning of our revival. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.—B. H. Lott, pastor.

To the Sunday Schools and young people of Mississippi: This is to inform you that since Brother Doyle Blackwood has declined to act as state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, I have appointed Brother Roy M. Douglas, whose address is Moorehead, Miss. to fill Brother Blackwood's unexpired term. I would like to advise that all Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials co-operate with Brother Douglas, and we shall be governed by the same program as outlined in our ministers' meeting. Please send your Y. P. E. tithes to Brother Douglas and help him with your offerings as much as possible. He will be contacting you soon and advising for the future of these departments of the Church. We feel sure that Brother Douglas will be a great blessing to the young people and Sunday School as well. May the Lord bless in this great work.—Thos. W. Godwin, overseer of Mississippi.

We are going to start our revival Sunday, July 10, D. V., with Sister Emma Newman from the state of Maine in charge. Also on Sunday, the 17th we are going to have our home coming. We expect all members to be present and all others who wish to come. Come with a well-filled basket, prepared to spend the day. We are also expecting our state overseer, Brother Whittington, to be with us. We ask all of God's children who are in reach of this place to help us out in our revival. Come, you are welcome. Pray for us.—R. M. Gallops, pastor; Jesse Mitchell, clerk, Rt. 2, Verbena, Ala.

We will have home coming service and dinner on the ground at the Church of God at Anadarko, Okla. July 4. We are going to try to finish paying for the church on that day. We want all our neighboring churches and friends to come with a well-filled basket and give

us a lift.—Wiley E. Wright, pastor, Anadarko, Okla.

A revival will begin at the new Church of God in Dalton, Ga., E. Morris St., beginning Wednesday night, the 29th, and running for two weeks. Brother Pilcher of Shannon, Ga. will be the evangelist in charge. Please pray for the success of this meeting.—J. A. Bixler, pastor, Dalton, Ga.

To my brothers and sisters in Christ who want me to pray and anoint a cloth for the Lord to heal your bodies, please send a stamped envelope, as I haven't an income of any kind. I get many letters and it takes lots of stamps. I will be glad to pray for you. I request your prayers.—Fannie Brooks, Gilkey, N. C.

The East Rainelle, W. Va. district convention of the Church of God will convene in our new building in East Rainelle, beginning Friday evening, July 8, and closing Sunday evening, July 10. This is our first convention for the Church of God in Greenbrier county, so everybody come praying.—J. A. Whitlow, district overseer, East Rainelle, W. Va.

AN OPEN CONFESSION

I am making a confession to all as to my wrong doing. I would not feel right to conceal a sin in my heart. Many may wonder as they read in the Evangel as to what I have done, but sin is the object of my confession, and I am asking the forgiveness and prayer of all.—Lon Price, Elizabethton, Tenn.

We are in a wonderful revival at Eccles, W. Va. We have been here nine weeks and the end is not yet. About thirty have been saved, something near that many sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, eighteen baptized in water and nineteen added to the church. Last night the house was crowded and thirty-three came to the altar while many others stood and cried while the invitation was being given. Saints everywhere, pray that God will fill these hungry hearts with the blessed Holy Ghost.—Dovie Coats, Eccles, W. Va.

Testimony

I praise my Savior for what He means to me. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I thank God for healing and keeping me. He healed me in July of a bad eye and head trouble. The Lord healed me of various diseases when the doctor said I couldn't live. My eyes were healed through a letter I wrote our pastor, Bishop W. L. Ford. I love him and his sweet wife.—Verba Mae Nunn, (colored), Carbon Hill, Ala.

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back but must face what people say about him. He must climb up over all the wreckage of his broken vows. The task is too great for him. I can see his pastor, as it were, climb down the slippery, slimy path, with beads of perspiration on his brow, the love of God in his heart, the hope of heaven beaming in his countenance. I hear him say, "God loves you, God will help you. He will make you strong and able to stand, and beside that I'll bleach my bones right here in this wreck with you or till God hears us and helps us out."

If all our good preachers in the Church of God will only remember that God's message is a message of love, and not one of fault-finding, we will never have to wonder why we do not have a revival.

Who Shall Enter the Kingdom?

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Now concerning 2 Pet. 3:16, where some do WREST the Scriptures to their own destruction. "Wrest" means to twist; to take or force by violence. I tell you, there is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death. I also say unto you that other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. This true way is the whole Bible rightly divided, and I am sure it means what it says, taking God at what He says, simply because He said it was and it is so plain that a fool need not err therein. 1 Cor. 1:10 says that "ye all speak the same thing," and "that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

In closing this message I will tell you of a true incident. One morning while getting ready for breakfast, my wife was fixing the drink for the table. The drink was cocoa. We used a breakfast room suite and had the leaves of the table up so we would have more room. My wife used a newspaper so that the baby would not muss up the tablecloth. She thought that the table reached out as far as the newspaper did so she set the cocoa down, but just because she THOUGHT it was safe did not make it so, and down went the cup and saucer to the floor, just because she THOUGHT she had room. No the cup and saucer did not stand out in the air and ask for another chance or move, but immediately fell to the floor. Just because we do think seriously at times is not positive proof that we are right. All people are subject to mistakes, but many people seem to think that they are never mistaken about their religion. If we waste this life in just staggering

around carelessly, I fear we will sink into a devil's hell. I ask you again to take God's Word at what it says. It is a fact that we MUST come GOD'S WAY. Of course it may hurt at times but it will be good for us. Please obey what thus saith the Lord, because the judgment is coming.

Our text speaks of doing the will of my Father, also says that people will say to the Lord in that day, Have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? Yes, people will stand before the Lord and tell Him what they have done. Sure, they will tell the Lord right to His face these things they have done and they surely did them too, but there were other things that they had not done that were essential. We may live by some man-made theory but it absolutely won't do to die by. We often say God is a just God and I do believe He is, and since that be so how are a great many people going to be justified in His sight, when He has told us many things to do, yet we absolutely ignore them?

I ask, Do you deserve a crown, or a white robe, or entrance into the holy city? Of course, I realize that we are all unprofitable servants, but do we feel entitled to a place like the one that Jesus is going to take the saints to? Well, let us live better, we can, it's possible. Stephen, Paul, Peter, and others lived it and they were human. God's will is for us to be saved, converted, born again, or receive the new birth, also be sanctified with the blood by the Holy Ghost, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. If you don't have the blessings you are living beneath your privilege in the Lord. I took my Lord at what He said and DID receive the Holy Ghost as the Bible said. The reason I know I have the Bible Holy Ghost is, when He came HE, THE HOLY GHOST, came talking. Let us all get ready and go to heaven, let us quit playing religion and live it by the moment as holy as commanded. Amen.

REVIVALS

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CEDAR GROVE, W. Va.—I thank the Lord for the revival which closed Sunday night, May 29. The preaching was done by Brother George Solnon. We had a wonderful revival with eight saved and the saints greatly encouraged and blessed. It was the best revival we have had in a long time. We love Brother and Sister Solnon and hope to have them again some day soon. Pray for the little church here that it may rise and shine for Jesus. We have a Y. P. E. here with about two hundred, just organized lately, so every one who knows the worth of prayer pray that God will save the young people here and make them workers for Jesus.—W. L. Wris-

ton, clerk.

SELMA, Ala.—The Church of God here has just closed a wonderful meeting. Brother Columbus Barrett, our pastor, his wife and Sister May Sanders of LaGrange, Ga., conducted the meeting. God wonderfully blessed the church and all those who attended the meeting. There were six baptized in water. We have a fine Sunday School and good attendance. We have a prayer meeting at the church every morning at 9:00 o'clock. God wonderfully blesses these meetings. The entire church keeps a sweet, godly spirit at all times. Pray for us that God will still bless us and that we may continue to have the spirit of love and unity.—Louise Lolley.

TESTIMONIES

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I praise the Lord for healing me. I had sugar diabetes for twelve long years. I was doctored for twelve years until they gave me up to die. I found the Lord, He healed me, saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Now I belong to the Church of God, Brother H. E. Buntin, pastor.—Allean Williams, 608 S. 6th St., Kirksville, Mo.

God Sent Some Good People To Tell Me About Jesus

POINT, Tex.—I praise God for His many blessings. I can feel His divine presence just now. Once I was lost and didn't know there was a God that could stand so close by that you could just feel His sweet divine presence. I was never allowed to go to any church but one; I was not allowed to go and hear other preachers preach and didn't even get to go to Sunday School, but still I wanted to live a Christian life. My heart was so hungry for the Lord but I didn't know what more to do than to go and give the preacher my hand and be baptized, but that didn't satisfy. Still I wasn't right, I was lost. I would steal away somewhere to try to pray but I was taught that women had no right to pray. I didn't know what to do.

One day after I was grown and the mother of five children, God sent some good people my way and they told me about this good Jesus. I was so hungry for the Lord to come into my life I didn't care and couldn't help what people said. I prayed through until I couldn't keep from shouting all over the place and I kept calling on the Lord and He just kept blessing me. I even talked in tongues. Praise His name.

Today I belong to the good old Church of God. Pray much for me and mine. Pray for my daughter, she has a cancer on her nose, and pray for my unsaved brother, he has a cancer on his lip and is suffering terribly.—Mrs. Ada Miller, Rt. 1.

Love and Labor

We die not at all, for our deeds remain
To crown with honor or mar with stain;
Through endless sequence of years to come
Our lives shall speak when our lips are dumb.

What though we perish, unknown to fame,
Our tomb forgotten and lost our name,
Since naught is wasted in heaven or earth,
And nothing dies to which God gives birth!

Though life be joyless and death be cold,
And pleasures pall as the world grows old,
Yet God has granted our hearts relief,
For Love and Labor can conquer grief.

Love sheds a light on the gloomy way,
And Labor hurries the weary day;
Though death be fearful and life be hard,
Yet Love and Labor shall win reward.

If love can dry up a single tear,
If live-long Labor avail to clear
A single web from before the true,
Then Love and Labor have won their due.

What though we mourn, we can comfort
pain;

What if we die, so the truth be plain!
A little spark from a high desire
Shall kindle others, and grow a fire.

Labor is mortal and fades away,
But Love shall triumph in perfect day;
Labor may wither beneath the sod,
But Love lives ever, for Love is God.

—Author Unknown.

Enjoyed Visit of State Overseer and Wife

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. It has been a long time since you have heard from Utah, but we are still a little band serving a great and gracious God.

Our state overseer, Brother S. J. Wood, and his wife have just left us after being with us for a series of meetings. In this ten days' meeting the church work was all duly attended to. Seven were baptized and the church moved from Summit Point, Utah, to Monticello, Utah. This is the very first time any of our Church of God folks have been with us since Brother E. L. Simmons and family returned to Tennessee.

To say we were delighted is to express our joy mildly. Saint and sinner alike took Sister Wood into their hearts. Brother Wood was greatly admired and gave many helpful and enlightening messages.

Please get the lost souls of Utah upon your hearts, dear saints.—Ethel M. Perry, Monticello, Utah.

With Jesus To Help I'm Not Afraid

WILMINGTON, N. C. — Dear saints, I thank the Lord for being saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost. I count it a pleasure to be a member of the Church of God. I believe with all my heart that its the nearest thing to glory today. Praise the Lord! I have been serving the Lord almost eight months and I realized when I gave my heart and life to Jesus that if I lived very long I would have many trials and temptations to face, but with Jesus to help me I am not afraid to face my problems in life, because I know that He is able to do all things. Thank the Lord. Nothing is too hard for Him to handle. Please pray for me. — Miss Marjorie Spooner, 508 Dawson St.

Able to Heal

I praise God for hearing and answering prayer. I had been sick for nearly four weeks, but, praise the Lord, He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Brother Sanders and his wife would come and pray for me and I would get better, then I would get worse again, but they would keep praying for me. They had special prayer at the church for me. Praise the Lord, I have gotten up so I can get around a little in the house. Some of the neighbors wanted me to take medicine but I didn't take any.

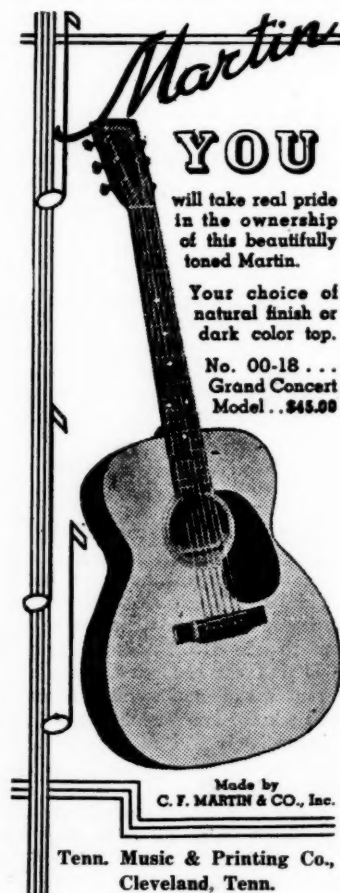
I was healed one time of diphtheria. I had gotten so bad off that I could hardly drink water. There was a preacher at Sulphur Springs whom we knew, so one evening my father brought him to the house. The preacher had prayer for me that night and the next day when my father got back home I was out in the yard playing. Praise the Lord, He is able to heal us when we are sick if we will just trust Him. Pray for me to stay humble at His feet and be what He would have me be.—Cora McDaniel, Ehren, Fla.

Jesus Knew Just What to Do

EMORY, Tex.—Dear saints, Sunday, the 14th day of November, 1937, Brother and Sister Melton of Grand Saline, Tex., came to my house to get me to pray for her healing. I was before the Lord that day in fasting and prayer every hour in the day and when they came they joined me in the service and we had prayer meeting every hour as long as they stayed. The first prayer we prayed Sister Melton got her healing. Bless the Lord! Praise His name for what He will do for those who stay in touch with Him in prayer. They had gotten careless in prayer and lost their victory. Oh, I am so glad Jesus knows just what

to do when His help is needed, and if conditions can be met the work is done and I am so glad it can be met sometimes in spite of the devil. I am so glad our will and the Lord's will can come together sometimes to defeat the works of the devil. Amen.

An unsaved man came to my home the other morning to see about some work. He was a hard working, honest-hearted man in the settlement, almost in bed with cold. When he was gone I went before the Lord in pleadings in his behalf and got victory. He came back in a day or so. I asked him how his cold was and he said well or just about it and I told him what I had done. He said he knew he got better but did not know what did it, and he thanked me and went on his way rejoicing. Oh, it's wonderful for anyone to be in a settlement where they can be such help to people and they don't know whereof it cometh. The Word reads, Go into thy closet, shut the door, talk to the Father who is in secret and you will be rewarded openly. I do that very thing. When we live in the presence of the Lord in prayer He will do anything we ask in His will. Pray for us down here in Texas.—Mrs. L. F. White, Box 20.



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